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SUBJECT: GOS APPROVES CONTINUED OPERATION OF ABRSEBACK 2 NUCLEAR
POWER PLANT

1. AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED BY MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
KNUT THYBERG TO COME TO MFA LATE THIS AFTERNOON (DEC 22) TO
RECEIVE TEXT OF GOS ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL
OF THE REPROCESSING CONTRACT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE FRENCH FIRM
COGEMA AND SYDKRAFT POWER COMPANY, WHICH WILL THUS PERMIT THE
CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE BARSEBACK 2 PLANT BEYOND
DECEMBER 31, 1977. MINISTER OF ENERGY OLOF JOHNSON WE
WERE TOLD WILL RELEASE SAME ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESS TODAY.

2. TEXT OF GOS ANNOUNCEMENT AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH A US INITIATIVE, AN
INTERNATIONAL EVALUATION OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE (INFCE)
HAS RECENTLY BEGUN. THIS EFFORT IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR
TWO YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE NUCLEAR POWER
INSPECTORATE (SKI) TO STUDY ON AN URGENT BASIS THE NEED TO
EXPORT SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL FOR REPROCESSING DURING THIS PERIOD.
SKI IS REQUESTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO INDICATE
THOSE ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT NEED TO BE TAKEN IN A
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THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT ANY LICENSES
FOR EXPORT AS LONG AS THE INFCE STUDIES ARE GOING ON
UNLESS COMPELLING REASONS COME UP.

3. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE DECISION TO
AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF BARSEBACK 2 FOR A
LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME. THE APPROVAL IS BASED ON THE

CONTRACT BETWEEN COGEMA AND THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY COMPANY (SKBF) FOR REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL IN FRANCE. THE CONTRACT FOR REPROCESSING, HOWEVER, ONLY COVERS SPENT FUEL TAKEN OUT OF THE REACTOR DURING THE 1970S. THE AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE THE REACTOR UNDER THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW IS FOR THESE REASONS LIMITED IN TIME AND IS VALID THROUGH 1979. THUS, SYDKRAFT MUST HAVE FURTHER AUTHORIZATION IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OPERATION AFTER 1979. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT CALLS ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR PERMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NUCLEAR ENERGY LAW PRIOR TO ANY EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

4. BEFORE ANY EXPORT OF ANY SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL MAY BE UNDERTAKEN, NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED BETWEEN FRANCE AND SWEDEN REGARDING, INTER ALIA, THE RETURN TO SWEDEN OF THE RADIOACTIVE WASTES AND THE WAY AND THE FORM IN WHICH THE WASTE WILL BE SHIPPED BACK FROM FRANCE. ADDITIONALLY, THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONCERN QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM AS WELL AS PHYSICAL PROTECTION.

5. US CONSENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FROM SWEDEN. END TEXT.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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